1:Griffiths M-5 (ca. 1940) 1946 AW37 Kol AW37

562 There are at least two other things which a Kol woman must never do: she may not plough, nor climb up on the roof of a house. 543 Such matters are looked upon as serious breaches of custom and deserve 784 a penalty from the *panch*. Repeated enquiries elicited no recent 241 violations of these taboos, and there was no definite statement as to 481 what would be done in case they occurred. This latter taboo, however, probably has its exceptions, as we knew of a Kol woman helping to repair a roof on the mission house in Barela.

551 It is the rule that wives should never utter their husband's name 593 and the same is true of the husband who should never call his wife by her name. They are addressed, rather, as the mother or father of the children. For example if the child's name is Makkhi the husband will address his wife as Makkhi's mother. There is another general pro- [561] hibition to the effect that a woman should never speak the name of a man older than herself; he should be addressed in some indirect way.

847 PARENTS AND CHILDREN. Kols say that children are Bhagawan's 858 gifts to them in answer to Sheori's prayer. Both sexes are welcome 842 in the home and there is no evidence that they favour one above the other. Abortion is all but unknown and it is considered an evil thing to attempt it. Apparently they know of no herb or plant growing in the jungle which would cause it.

868 When children are old enough they are assigned tasks about the house (there is no school besides this)—the girls learn cooking and other household duties, gather wood and cow dung, while the boys help herd goats or cattle, if any, or accompany their fathers to the fields where they play about and help to bring back its produce or the wood cut in the forest.

867 Almost no moral training, as such, is imparted, nor are the children severely punished when discipline is called for. A slap over the ear [861] is usually all that is attempted and more often than not this is adroitly dodged. On the whole Kol parents are over indulgent with their children. The sum of moral training was said to be "Don't steal, don't lie, don't hurt anyone." When they were asked about the type of religious instruction given to children they said: "We neither know, nor can we tell." What children learn is largely by observation and practice rather than by direct instruction. Among the more literate people of Northern India moral teaching is given through the reading of such literature as the Ramayana of Tulsi Das. The Kols, though, do not have even this, unless it so happens that a mendicant reads to them, nevertheless it would not appear that their morals are any worse than those who have considerable more light to guide them.